

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Terrell ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Terrell ISD will be held Monday, May 19, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Terrell ISD Professional Development Center, 201 East Alamo Street, Terrell, Texas 75160.

After calling the meeting to order and recognizing Terrell ISD staff and students as well as Terrell community members, the meeting will relocate to the Terrell ISD Boardroom at the Central Administration Building, 700 N. Catherine Street, Terrell, Texas 75160 where the remainder of the meeting will begin after a brief recess.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish that a Quorum is Present
The meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm by Board President Dena Risinger and established that a quorum was present. Board Members Ann McDonald, Monty Westbrook, Tonya Derrick, Ashley Fivecoat, Kenneth Baker and Nick Alford were present.
2. Recognitions
The Tiger of the Month, Support Staff, Students were recognized.
3. Oath of Office to Elected Officials for the Board of Trustees District Places 1 and 4
Notary Public Rebecca Furlough issued the Oath of Office to Nicholas Alford, Terrell ISD Trustee Place 1 and Monty Westbrook, Terrell ISD Trustee Place 4. Judge Allen ceremoniously issued the Oath of Office.
4. Recess
A brief recess was taken at 5:25 p.m. The meeting reconvened in the Boardroom at 5:35 p.m.
5. Pledges of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
Board President Dena Risinger led the pledges of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.
6. Public Comments
Mike Sims introduced the new City of Terrell Interim City Manager, Mark Mills.
A motion to go into closed session was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Tonya Derrick at 5:40 p.m.
A motion to return to open session was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Tonya Derrick at 6:29 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.
7. Superintendent's Report
A. Dr. Tracie Washington provided an update on Goal #1: Senior Celebrations
B. Dr. Adam Toy provided an update on Goal #2: Mentoring Program

- C. Dr. Warnock provided the Legislative and District Updates*
- D. Ms. Tonya Tillman provided an update on the Transportation Processes*

8. Election of Board Officers

- A. Dr. Warnock called for nominations to elect the Board of Trustees President. Ann McDonald nominated Dena Risinger for Board President. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.*
- B. Board of Trustees President, Dena Risinger called for nominations for the Board of Trustees Vice President. Monty Westbrook nominated Tonya Derrick for the Board of Trustees Vice President. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.*
- C. Board of Trustees President, Dena Risinger called for nominations for the Board of Trustees Secretary. Tonya Derrick nominated Ann McDonald for the Board of Trustees Secretary. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.*

9. Consent Agenda

- A. Consider Approval of the Election of Personnel
- B. Consider Approval of the Election of New TISD Administrators
- C. Consider Acceptance of Financial Reports: April 2025 Tax Report; April 2025 Financial Summary; Head Start April 2025 Financial Report; Head Start April 2025 Credit Card Report; Budget Amendment #4
- D. Consider Acceptance of the Purchasing Report for the Period of April 1, 2025, through April 30, 2025.
- E. Consider Approval of the Award of RFP 2425-012 General Services & Supplies
- F. Consider Approval of Resolution for Depository Bank Extension
- G. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Interlocal Contract/Purchasing Cooperative Delivery Method as the Delivery Method Providing the Best Value to the School District for the Long Elementary Sidewalk Project and Authorize the Superintendent to Provide a Recommended Vendor
- H. Consider Approval of Purchase of Computer Hardware
- I. Consider Recommendation by Administration to Contract for Unarmed and Armed Security Guard Services with L and P Global Securities, LLC Not to Exceed \$100,000
- J. Consider Approval of Services Package from Region 10 ESC for 2025-2026
- K. Consider Approval of Curriculum Materials and Resources for 2024-2025 SY Exceeding \$50,000
- L. Consider Approval of Utilizing Region 10 as an Authorized Provider for HB 3 Reading Academies
- M. Consider Approval of Agreement with Communities in Schools (CIS) for the 2025-2026 School Year
- N. Consider Approval of Regular and Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tonya Derrick and seconded Kenneth Baker to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

10. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Item F was pulled out from the consent agenda and discussed separately.

Dena Risinger recused herself.

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve the resolution for Depository Bank Extension.. The motion was approved.

A motion was mad by Tonya Derrick and seconded by Monty to take a short recess at 7:16 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Monty Westbrook and seconded by Nick Alford to return from recess at 7:25 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

11. Items for Discussion and Action

A. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Scholarship Fund

- *Ms. Tonya Tillman presented the Memorandum of Understanding for Scholarship Fund. A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve item A as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.*

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Terrell Independent School District to Authorize a One-Time Service Retention Supplemental Payment

- *Ms. Tonya Tillman presented the Resolution to Authorize a One-Time Service Retention Supplemental Payment. A motion was made by Kenneth Baker and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve item B as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.*

C. Consider Approval of Resolution of the Board of Trustees Regarding Hazardous Traffic Conditions

- *Ms. Tillman presented the Resolution Regarding Hazardous Traffic Conditions. A motion was made by Nick Alford and seconded by Tonya Derrick to approve item C as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.*

12. Closed Session

A. The Board of Trustees Will Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, TGC §551.074 Discussion of Personnel

B. The Board of Trustees Will Convene in Closed Session to Discuss Participation in Multi-District Litigation Involving Youth Social Media Usage and Related Litigation and Entering into a Contingency Fee Contract with Eiland and Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to Represent the District (Texas Government Code §551.071)

13. Consider any Action as a Result of Closed Session

Item A:

No action was taken on item A.

Item B:

The Board of Trustees adjourned to executive session to discussed participation in multi-district litigation involving youth social media usage and related litigation and entering into a contingency fee contract with Eiland and Bonnin PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to Represent the District (Texas Government Code 551.071).

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion B1:

Tonya Derrick, seconded by Monty Westbrook moved: That the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution approving the contingent fee legal services contract, that

includes the findings required by Texas Government Code 2254, Subchapter C, and that are needed for submission of a contingent fee legal services agreement and a request to the Texas Attorney General for expedited review.

The motion was carried 6-1. Nick Alford opposed.

Motion B2:

Consideration and Adoption of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with Eiland & Gonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC.

Tonya Derrick, seconded by Monty Westbrook, moved: That the Board of Trustees adopt and approve entering into a contingent fee legal services agreement with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to represent the District in youth social media usage and related litigation.

The motion was carried 6-1. Nick Alford opposed.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ann McDonald and seconded by Ashley Fivecoat to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

If, during the course of the meeting, the Board may lawfully conduct a closed meeting as to all or part of any item on the agenda, then, in accordance with applicable law, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). The Board shall not conduct a closed meeting unless a quorum of the Board first convenes in an open meeting for which proper notice has been given. Before any closed meeting is conducted, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act or other applicable law authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions regarding any matter deliberated in a closed meeting shall only be taken in open meeting for which proper notice has been given. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

Ann McDonald, Secretary
Terrell ISD Board of Trustees

Dena Risinger, President
Terrell ISD Board of Trustees